

One Chestnut St Trust

Commemorative Plaque Application Materials

Description of Work

To add a commemorative plaque to the front of the building with these contents:

"Home of Coretta Scott King,

who earned her room and board as a maid, 1951-1952

Home of Henry Kissinger,

56th United States Secretary of State, 1961 - 1962"

- See additional documentation provided for primary and secondary sources supporting this information.
- The plaque will be manufactured and installed by Colonial Brass. It will be 12" W x 8" H, with raised letters and border in bronze with a flat background with dark oxide stain in accordance with BHAC guidelines. I've attached a "rendering" they provided, as a visual, but it's just black and white.
- I've also attached a photo of the front of the residence (current state) and photos of three possible mounting locations.

Existing Conditions: Whole Building



Existing Conditions: Left Side (aka B Side)

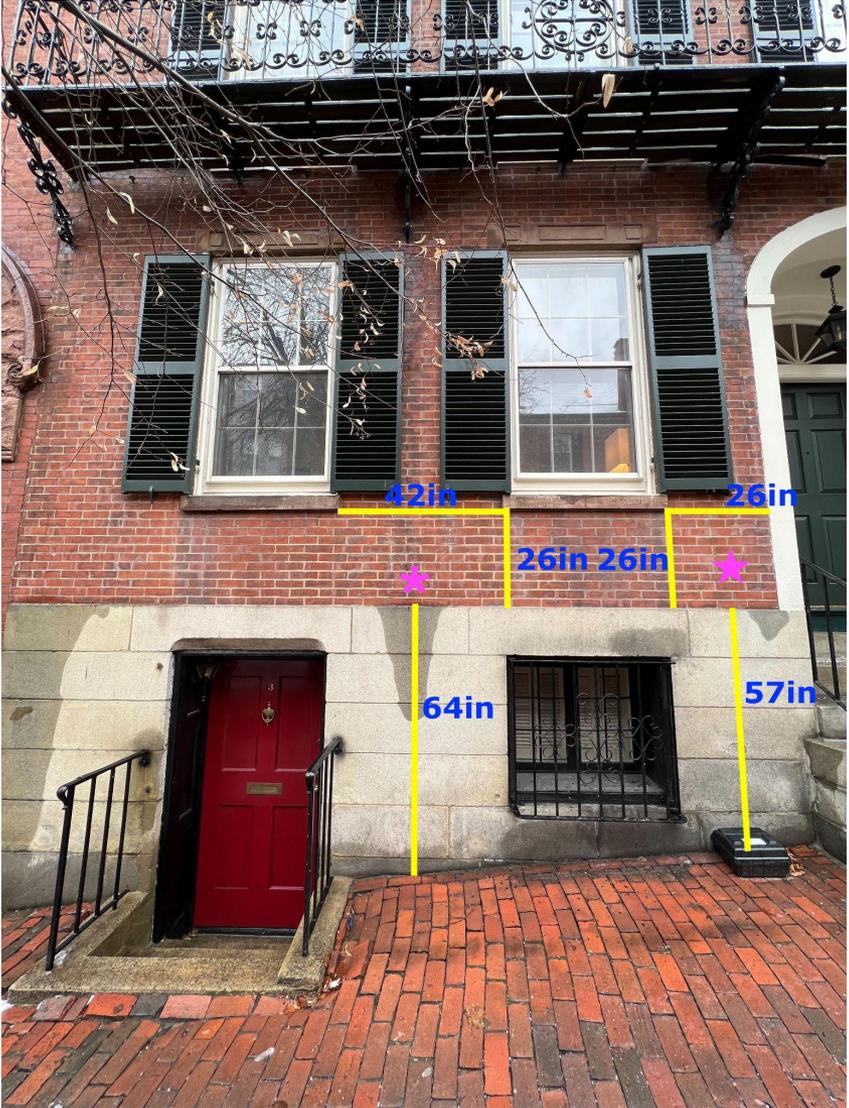


Existing Conditions: Most Likely Placement Site on B Side



Existing Conditions: Measurements

The pink stars represent the eye level of a 6' 2" individual viewing from two feet away.



Plaque Placement: Alternative 1 (Most Likely)



Plaque Placement: Alternative 2



Plaque Placement: Alternative 3



Other Notes on Plaque Placement

- The right side (A side) of the building didn't seem appropriate as the plaque would be well below eye level, which is why I only included alternatives on the B side.

Plaque “Rendering”

Home of Coretta Scott King,
who earned her room and board
as a maid, 1951-1952

Home of Henry Kissinger,
56th United States Secretary of State,
1961-1962

125% 108205716 cm 1/25/23 12x8 SL

note: no spaces before and after dash in 1961-1962 to be consistent with 1951-1952

Quote



Colonial Brass Co.

Date 1/26/2023

Quote # 8527

Michael Galbato
1 Chestnut St. Apt 1B
Boston, MA 02108

12 x 8 - Cast Bronze
Single line border
Flat Background Texture
Dark Oxide Stain
Blind Mount

Qty 1 - \$646, plus freight

\$600 Installation if needed

Sincerely,

Jessica Ramirez
Colonial Brass Co.

Evidence Supporting Plaque Content

The next few slides highlight some portions to look at but please see the full documents attached.

Coretta Scott King Evidence - Secondary Source, Chronicles of Old Boston

17 Arriving in Boston as a grad student in 1951, Coretta Scott boarded at 1 Chestnut Street in the “big old house” of Mrs. Charlotte Bartol. A patron

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of Antioch College (where Scott had been an undergraduate), the widowed Bartol rented rooms to college women and was active in the World Peace Foundation. Normal rent for a fifth-floor room and breakfast was \$7 a week, but Coretta worked out a deal to scrub floors and wash pillowcases instead.



Coretta Scott King Evidence - Secondary Source, City Life news publication

Martin and Coretta's Boston

Visit the Landmarks of their love story

680 Shawmut Ave.

Formerly Twelfth Baptist Church, where MLK was assistant minister.

170 St. Botolph St.

MLK's first Boston residence

1 Chestnut St.

Coretta's first Boston residence, where she earned her room and board working as a maid.

Coretta Scott King Evidence - Secondary Source, Clennon L King, Historian

LANDMARKS OF MARTIN'S AND CORETTA'S LOVE STORY (1951-1954)

- 680 Shawmut Ave. – Formerly Twelfth Baptist Church, where MLK was assistant minister.
- 170 St. Botolph St. – MLK's 1st Boston residence.
- 1 Chestnut St. – Coretta's 1st Boston residence, where she earned her room and board working as a maid.
- 9 Greenwich St. – Former home of Mary L. Powell, who introduced the couple.
- 290 Huntington Ave. – The New England Conservatory of Music, where the couple first met.
- 187 Mass Ave. – Formerly Sharaf's Cafeteria, site of the couple's first date.
- 397 Mass Ave. – MLK's 2nd Boston residence.
- 558 Mass Ave. – League of Women for Community Service, Coretta's 2nd Boston residence.
- 396 Northampton St. – Formerly Lincoln Apartments, site of the couple's first home.

Clennon L. King, Historian
September 25, 2020

Coretta Scott King Evidence - Secondary Source, Clennon L King, Historian

Recognition of CSK|MLK Boston Footprints

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Sun 11/8/2020 8:07 PM

To: arde2@msn.com <arde2@msn.com>

Dear Dennis,

Thank you and Archie so much for pushing things along where they concern formally recognizing 1 Chestnut Street as the first Boston home of Coretta Scott in the fall of 1951, and early winter of 1952.

You will remember you graciously allowed me to tour your fifth-floor home and share with you that it was where Coretta Scott, the future wife of MLK, once lived.

I promised you tonight during our conversation that I would provide you with the excerpt from Coretta's autobiography "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr." where she references living on Beacon Hill with and working for a Mrs. Bartol. The Bartol's address is referenced in multiple Boston listings that year as 1-3 Chestnut St. See both references below.

As I mentioned, reaching out to you is part of a larger vision by an informal working group we'll call the **Committee to Plaque (1951-'54) The Boston Footprints of Coretta and Martin**. The vision is to mark the locales of where Coretta and Martin's love story unfolded in Boston. At least initially, we are specifically looking at 11 addresses. They would include where they lived individually, met, dated, worshipped, and settled as a married couple before heading to Montgomery and the world stage.

These plaques at the addresses would effectively allow people to retrace the steps (and take a walking tour) of the love story of arguably one of the most important figures of the 20th Century and the woman who became his wife and partner. And yes, again part of that narrative would be to include your address.

Currently, plaques exist at MLK's second Boston residence (397 Mass Ave.), and soon on the

Henry Kissinger Evidence - Primary Source

Jody Williams <JWilliam@csis.org>
To: Michael Galbato <mag386@cornell.edu>

Thu, Dec 22, 2022 at 6:06 PM

Dear Michael,

Dr. Kissinger said he lived at 1 Chestnut Street from 1961 - 1962 and is honored to be mentioned on the plaque you're considering for the building.

Thanks for being in touch and all good wishes for the holidays,
Jody

From: Michael Galbato <mag386@cornell.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7:51 PM

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Henry Kissinger Evidence - Secondary Source, Frommers

Beacon Hill

The original Boston settlers, clustered around what are now the Old State House and the North End, considered Beacon Hill far away. Today the distance is a matter of atmosphere; climbing "the Hill" is like traveling back in time. Lace up your walking shoes (the brick sidewalks gnaw at anything fancier, and driving is next to impossible), wander the narrow streets, and admire the brick and brownstone architecture.

At Beacon and Park streets is a figurative high point (literally, it's *the* high point): Charles Bulfinch's magnificent **State House**. The 60-foot **monument** at the rear illustrates the hill's original height, before the top was lopped off to use in 19th-century landfill projects. **Beacon and Mount Vernon streets** run downhill to commercially dense **Charles Street**, but if ever there was an area where there's no need to head in a straight line, it's this one. Your travels might take you past the former homes of Louisa May Alcott (10 Louisburg St.), Henry Kissinger (1 Chestnut

St.), Julia Ward Howe (13 Chestnut St.), Edwin Booth (29A Chestnut St.), and Robert Frost (88 Mount Vernon St.). One of the oldest standing black churches in the country, the **African Meeting House**, is at 8 Smith Court.